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In Senate, September 21, 1954

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weeks of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FOUR

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**RESOLVE, Relating to the Revision Committee.**

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**Revision Committee; appropriation for. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of compensating the Revision Committee for its time, effort and judgment. Each member of said Committee shall receive \$1,000.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

It has been a long established custom to compensate the members of Committees on Revision of Statutes. Revisions necessarily entail considerable work. In 1944 the Legislature appropriated approximately \$30,000 for salaries of the Committee members, plus attorneys' fees and indexing charges. Since that time, of course, we have had a Director of Legislative Research who has kept continuing files thus avoiding the necessity of the Committee Members doing much detail revision work. However, the present Committee was able to negotiate a contract for an Annotated Code containing a comprehensive index with a company skilled in the art of preparing Annotated Codes. The Committee had ten formal meetings at Augusta during which the details of the contract were worked out, financial matters decided as well as the arrangement of chapters, type of paper, design, binding, coloring, etc. The whole matter was discussed with the Governor and Council and their approval of the contract obtained. After that the Committee was in constant touch with Director Slosberg personally and by letter and telephone as a great many decisions had to be made as the work progressed. For these reasons an appropriation of \$1,000 per member or a total of \$5,000 would appear to be a fair compensation for their time, effort and judgment.